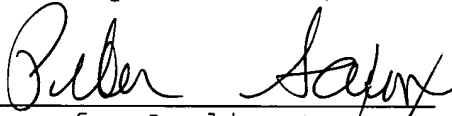


Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, 25-32 and 49-56, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 634.

Applicants hereby request rejoinder of the nonelected process claims 9-24, 33-48 and 57-62 in the event that the elected product claims are deemed allowable under MPEP § 821.04. If need be, Applicants can amend the process claims to be commensurate in scope under the broadest allowed independent product claim.

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